

(fineness: 2.2 dtex; length: 5 mm; melting point of sheath: 130°C) as heat-fusible thermoplastic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 60/40, and the mixed fiber was air-laid into a web. The constituent fibers of the web were bonded at their intersections with a binder (styrene-butadiene rubber) to prepare a first air-laid nonwoven fabric (dry pulp sheet) having the basis weight shown in Table 2 below as a liquid retentive sheet.

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**Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 (Example 7), with the following new paragraph:**

**EXAMPLE 7**

A cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 2 was obtained in the same manner as in Example 1, except for using, as a material of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric, a 50/50 mixture of nylon fiber having a fineness of 72 dtex (thick thermoplastic fiber) and the same crimping core/sheath type conjugate fiber as used in Example 1 but having a fineness 1.7 dtex (thin thermoplastic fiber), bonding the fibers constituting the resulting web at their intersections by means of heat fusion and with a binder (styrene-butadiene rubber), and changing the basis weight of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric to 104 g/m<sup>2</sup>. The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 2, having

A2 a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on the surface of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric.

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**Replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 (Example 14), with the following new paragraph:**

**EXAMPLE 14**

A3 The same crimping core/sheath type conjugate fiber having a fineness of 72 dtex as used in Example 5 as thick thermoplastic fiber and pulp fiber (length-weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 70/30 and air-laid into a web having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The constituent fibers of the web were bonded at their intersections by fusion and with a binder (styrene-butadiene rubber) to prepare a cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 4, having a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on the surface thereof.